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NEW CORPORATION WILL USE EAST END FOUNDRY TO MAKE WAR SUPPLIES

Untenanted Plant of the United Foundry and Machine Co. Will Be Used to Turn Out Initial Order of \$360,000 Worth of Shrapnel Shells For Russian Government.

Metal Refiner and U. M. C. Co. Experts Identified With White Metals Co., Which Negotiates Lease For Plant Recently Made Vacant Through Receiver-ship Proceedings.

The Bridgeport White Metal Castings company, another concern that has been evolved through the war, will begin work in two or three weeks turning out \$360,000 worth of shrapnel and howitzer shells for the Russian government.

The plant will be located at the site of the United Foundry & Machine Co., on Bruce avenue, at the corner of Stratford avenue. The foundry concern has gone into the hands of a receiver.

J. L. Decker, a metal refiner of 1152 Railroad avenue, Portland, P. E. and Clifford C. Griffin, employee of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., are the men controlling the new firm.

Although negotiations for the use of the property abandoned by the foundry owners in Bruce avenue, have not been completed, it is expected they will be in the first part of next week. The concern will begin the order for shrapnel and howitzer shells within three weeks, according to officials connected with it.

The contract that the Bridgeport White Metal Castings Co. has a sub-let to them by the Canadian Car & Foundry Co. of Canada. That company received a contract for 1,000,000 shells for the Russian government, costing about \$32,000,000. Bridgeport concern is expected to receive a large slice of this. The Castings Co. gets \$30,000 and the American Tube & Stamping Co. gets \$67,500.

That the new Bridgeport firm will prosper, most assuredly, as the Canadian firm has a monopoly on the manufacture of the Russian shells in Canada as long as it delivers the goods. By a system of sub-letting contracts, it is expected to be able to do this easily.

GUNFIGHTER IS SENTENCED TO YEAR IN JAIL

De Bella Made Escape From City on Stolen Bicycle—Other Culprits in Court

Mike De Bella, the fugitive arrested in Danbury yesterday and returned here last night, was sentenced to several terms in jail in the city court today. He pleaded guilty to breach of the peace, resisting an officer and carrying concealed weapons.

That De Bella made his escape from Bridgeport on a bicycle stolen after his flight from the police became known for the first time today when he was charged, also with theft of a bicycle from Alfred Tomlinson of Allen street. He was fined \$50 for theft, and sentenced to jail for three months for breach of the peace, three months for resistance and six months for carrying concealed weapons.

De Bella was not charged with assault with intent to kill, although it was intimated that this might be such a charge against him as a result of his hand to hand encounter with Police Captain Regan on whom it is alleged the prisoner attempted to use his pistol.

Sturges Stavopoulos, 555 Water street, charged with assault with intent to murder his brother Starco, March 19, pleaded guilty and was bound over for trial before the superior court under bonds of \$5,000.

Frank Stoff, 206 Church street, and Annie Stanko, 17 Spruce St., accused of committing adultery, were held for trial before the superior court under bonds of \$500.

Charles W. Reid, arraigned upon a charge of reckless driving, when he recently hit Mrs. Katherine Kearney at Seaview avenue, at the corner of East Main and Stratford avenue was found not guilty when a number of witnesses testified to the careful manner in which he was riding at the time.

The case of Campbell Abria, a taxi-driver, arraigned yesterday by Coroner John J. Phelan in the inquest on the death of Marion Hooley, was today nolle.

Morris Steinfeld, 1255 State street, accused of theft of a diamond ring from Frank Rosenbaum, was held for trial before the superior court under bonds of \$200.

BOYS STEAL \$50.

Mrs. Henry J. Baney, 223 Newfield avenue reported today that two small boys had entered her home at 10 o'clock this morning, stealing a purse containing \$50. When last seen they were running across the baseball park.

The German Embassy will be in Cedarhurst, L. I., this summer.

YOUNG HUSBAND SWALLOWS DOSE OF BICHLORIDE

East End Teamster Hovers Between Life and Death At Hospital.

QUARREL WITH WIFE BLAMED FOR HIS ACT

Physicians Carefully Watch Progress of Insidious Poison.

Arthur Galpin, aged 26, of 58 Wil-mot avenue, a teamster widely known in the East End, is in Bridgeport hospital, hovering between life and death, the result of a self administered dose of bichloride of mercury taken, Tuesday night, it is reported, with suicidal intent following a quarrel with his wife.

Galpin's condition is watched with keen interest by physicians because of the insidious workings of the poison which has been known in many cases to work for weeks before it has proved fatal. His wife and four children have been to the hospital several times, and reconciliation now has been effected.

A tilt with his wife growing out of his having invited another man to visit him is blamed for his taking the poison. Galpin's wide acquaintance in the East End, where live his parents and several brothers and sisters, has caused the outcome of his condition to be watched with more than ordinary interest.

Galpin's case much resembles that of the Augusta, Ga., banker who having swallowed the poison by mistake fought for life for nearly two weeks, only to succumb. While Mrs. Galpin will say nothing regarding the circumstances which led to her husband's attempt at suicide, it is claimed by neighbors that Galpin had a man fight, whom he frequently brought home with him. It is said that Mrs. Galpin's objections to the presence of this friend in the house brought about a quarrel after which her husband took the poisonous draught.

When Mrs. Galpin discovered that her husband had done so called Dr. C. E. Blackman who prescribed an emetic and had Galpin rushed to the Bridgeport hospital. He had been seen since, passing from one period of unconsciousness to another, and making the same fight which the Georgia banker made more than a year ago.

JAPS SEND ULTIMATUM TO CHINESE

Honolulu, April 24—An ultimatum demanding a satisfactory reply within three days on the Japanese situation in China has been sent by the Japanese cabinet to Eli Hsueh, the Japanese minister at Peking, for delivery to representatives of China at the negotiations, according to a despatch from Tokyo to the Hawaii Shampo, leading newspaper here.

BARNES' LAWYERS PREPARE "POSERS" FOR THE COLONEL

Syracuse, N. Y., April 24—Counsel for William Barnes, in his suit for alleged libel against Theodore Roosevelt, took advantage of the week-end recess of the supreme court today to compile a series of additional questions to put to the former President when his cross-examination is resumed on Monday. Many of the questions agreed upon have to do with events leading to the establishment of the Colonel of the progressive party.

William M. Ivins, chief counsel for Mr. Barnes, said he expected to finish with Col. Roosevelt some time Monday. The Colonel will then give additional testimony on re-direct examination. This may keep him on the stand until Tuesday.

The Roosevelt attorneys received information that all members of the legislature who voted against the Hughes direct primary bill and other measures cited by Col. Roosevelt as instances where machine Democrats and machine Republicans combined to defeat legislation he considered were to be subpoenaed. By these witnesses the plaintiff it is said, hopes to prove their action was voluntary and that they were not forced into alliances by party leaders.

PRESIDENT ISN'T TAKING HAND IN RIGGS BANK CASE

Washington, April 24—At the White House today a statement was issued by Secretary Tumulty denying reports that President Wilson had taken personal charge of the government's side of the controversy between the Riggs National bank and officials of the treasury department. The statement follows:

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CAPITAL STOCK OF "NEW HAVEN" ROAD LOWERED

Directors Vote to Retire 228,000 Shares Now in the Treasury.

CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR BONDS ACCEPTED

Officials Deny That Issuance of Preferred Stock is Now Intended.

New Haven, April 24—The stockholders of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, in special meeting today by ballot voted 1,076,128 for and none against, to reduce the capital stock of the company from 1,800,000 shares to 1,571,872 shares by retiring and cancelling 228,991 shares now in the treasury and to accept amendments to the company's charter recently passed by the General Assembly of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Some discussion took place following inquiries by stockholders as to whether the directors had under consideration a plan for an issue of preferred stock. Positive denial that any such plan was before the directors was made by President Edward Elliott in the course of a short introductory address in which he had given an analysis of the earnings of the road in the past few weeks. The inquiries arose from the fact that a resolution to accept the charter amendment passed by the Rhode Island assembly was read it was seen to contain reference to "preferred stock."

The meeting was adjourned. Outside the door was a notice that owing to the limited capacity of the hall, only stockholders and proxy-holders would be admitted, but not (Continued on Page 2.)

BREAKING CRANE CRUSHES HEAD OF GIANT STEVEDORE

Henry Robinson, Waterfront Workman, Is Killed Unloading Lumber.

The breaking of a jury-rigged derrick on the three-masted schooner Altamaha discharging a cargo of lumber at the docks of the Frank Miller Lumber Co., today, caused the death of Henry Robinson, colored, aged 48, one of the best known stevedores in this section.

Robertson, who leaves a wife in Westbury, R. I., has lived in this city for more than 15 years and years ago he established himself in the confidence of watermen and oyster growers along the shores of Long Island sound. He had been the hero of many unrecorded accidents to captains of New York's big fleet of natural growth oystermen in this section and his sudden death to-day will come as a distinct shock to the many friends he has made in Bridgeport.

An stevedore who employed this morning in shifting heavy timbers from the hold of the Altamaha to the shore. A crane-derrick had been rigged up and the work was in progress when the derrick collapsed. Robertson stood below the monster timber as it swung shoreward, when suddenly there was a snap and a crash. The big negro's head was caught between the deck and the timber. His fellow workers rushed to the spot where his body lay, and extricated him from the debris. It was seen that his head had been crushed and an emergency ambulance called brought Dr. J. H. Beaudry. Robertson was conveyed to St. Vincent's hospital where he died shortly after admittance to the operating room.

The victim, who lived in Columbus place, came to this city about 12 years ago in the sloop Stella, which was one of several pleasure boats he had maintained at Shelter Island for the transportation of outing parties. He began oystering among the Bridgeport fleet and was frowned upon. Later he was instrumental through pluck and nerve in the dispossessing many foreign-born oystermen who were in bad repute with the other fishermen and through his bravery in dragging an oysterboat captain of New Haven from the waters of the Sound, he was made a part of the local contingent. Through frugal methods he amassed sufficient money to enter the stevedoring business and has for many years controlled a large part of that trade in this city. His wife has been notified and she will claim the body.

STEREOPTICONS PUT BOOKS INTO DISCARD; TEACHERS WORRIED

Because of growing liking on the part of children for stereopticon lessons in subjects outside the regular curriculum, and because this form of teaching bids fair to result in neglect of the school libraries, Superintendent C. W. Deane has issued orders to school principals to send in fewer orders for stereopticon equipment.

According to belief, the pupils are neglecting the library books for the stereopticons, probably because of the similarity of the latter to "movies." For this reason it is intended to pay more attention to books in the future.

FIRST SON BORN TO LADY DECIES

London, April 24—Lady Decies, formerly Miss Helen Vivian Gould, of New York, gave birth to a son this morning. Lord and Lady Decies already have two daughters.

Lady Decies, who is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, was married on Feb. 19, 1911, to John Graham Hope Horsley Beresford, the 5th Baron Decies.

WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Moderate east to south winds.

TWO MERCHANTMEN SUNK BY TORPEDOES; GERMANS PLAN NEW CHANNEL DASH

CREDITORS THREATEN CRIMINAL ACTION IN BURR AND KNAPP CASE

Threats of criminal proceedings Burr & Knapp were made by Attorney Jacob B. Klein in the bankruptcy court this morning when more startling disclosures were heard regarding the defunct banking firm's methods of using funds of depositors. Attorney Klein, who represented the Hungarian Sick Benefit society, discovered that it was the custom to take money from depositors when there was no certainty that there would be enough cash on hand the next day to meet the depositor's check.

"Perhaps you ought to take that up in a criminal court," suggested Trustee John C. Chamberlain. "We will before we get through with this," declared Attorney Klein. "It was a fine thing for a fake firm like this to be taking people's money when they know the condition the firm was in."

It was brought out at today's hearing that money deposited with Burr & Knapp which was to be forwarded to members of the Hungarian society abroad, never reached its destination. People were continually complaining that the money they sent had not been delivered but they received nothing but explanations from Burr & Knapp.

Ernest Szebelisky, manager of Burr

& Knapp's West End branch, was a witness. He was questioned closely by Attorney Klein. He had the confidence of residents of the West End foreign colony and it was through him that the money was deposited in order that it might be sent abroad. When people complained the witness went to Mr. Knapp. The latter said he didn't have the money, but told him to come again he would take the matter up. There was \$2,428 in the West End branch at the time of the failure, the witness said.

He told about taking envelopes for Burr & Knapp to the Park National bank in New York and Attorney Klein wanted to know if the firm had anything now in the Park bank. The witness said he didn't know. Trustee Chamberlain volunteered the information that he hadn't heard of any.

Mary Rahm, an employee of Burr & Knapp, was questioned about money supposed to be sent abroad. She said they didn't send it because they didn't have the funds in New York upon which to draw a draft. It was the custom when money was taken to the chief office, the trustee Chamberlain said in the First-Bridgeport National bank.

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WIVES OF STRIKING LABORERS BITE AND BEAT POLICEMEN IN BATTLE IN STAMFORD STREETS

Stamford, April 24—Policemen were kicked, bitten and scratched during a riotous battle outside police headquarters here today, with 50 women, wives of striking laborers.

Armed with broomsticks, pitchforks, pick handles and salt, they gave battle to the police when Chief William Brennan sought to arrest their leader. Chief Brennan attempted the arrest after Mayor William Brown had tried in vain to disperse the mob.

Eight hundred laborers, including all employed by the city and by local contractors, are on strike for 12 days, an eight-hour day and recognition of the union.

This morning, their wives appeared in the plaza in front of the town hall and started a demonstration. "We are starving; our children want food," was their cry.

Mayor Brown appeared as the police were beginning to take a hand in the proceeding. He advised the women to go home. They told him that if the city would grant the demands of the strikers, the contractors would give in also.

Mayor Brown explained the common council was the only body with

authority to pass on the matter and it did not meet until Monday and asked them to disperse. They refused. He then directed Chief of Police William Brennan to disperse the women. The chief and several officers attempted to do so but the women refused to go.

Chief Brennan asked the leader, Mrs. Mary Loidosi, to go with him to his office. She would not and he seized her by the arm and started towards the town hall with her.

As she struggled to free herself the other women rushed to her assistance and the police officers were struck, scratched and bitten in the fight which followed. After Mrs. Loidosi had been taken to the chief office, the tumult subsided and the women left. Mrs. Loidosi was charged with breach of the peace.

Some of the rioters claimed that their action was influenced by the fact that they had been refused credit at the stores. They said they carried the salt to use if any one became "too fresh." Little of the salt was thrown. Members of the Federation of Labor from up the state claim that the men on strike are not affiliated with their organization, but is an independent body.

GIRL PUGILISTS GO FOUR ROUNDS IN FINISH FIGHT IN OPEN LOT

A fistic encounter, fought by rounds, with women as the principals, and staged in an open lot on Seaview avenue, during which a lone man was badly beaten by the women principals and spectators is the subject of police investigation. Though the police refuse to divulge the names of the man complainant to-day and are not yet in possession of the identity of the principals or their seconds, it is known that they are girl workers in the U. M. C. Company.

The fight was over in the fourth round, when the victor delivered a blow to the point of the chin and her antagonist lay upon the ground long enough for the half a hundred girls present to acclaim her "hors de combat."

According to the meagre information today in the hands of the police, the girls had a verbal argument in

the factory where had blood has existed between the two girls for some time. As the big factory disgorged its thousands the other night the girls began to fight in Barnum avenue. They were separated by friends who feared arrest and consented to adjourn to a vacant lot in Seaview avenue in front of the International Silver Co. Here a ring was drawn by the many girl spectators who had flocked to the spot and with a watch to count the minutes of each round they were encircled by the spectators and after divesting themselves of hats and coats began the battle.

A man coming along the street, attempted to separate the two, when they each turned viciously upon him and helped by the bystanders he was lucky to escape with his coat torn and face severely scratched. He later reported the matter to the authorities.

VULCANIZING FACTORY ALMOST DESTROYED IN DANGEROUS FIRE

Fire, the origin of which is unknown, partly gutted the vulcanizing shop owned by J. J. O'Connor, 86 Hancock avenue today afternoon. An automobile was almost destroyed, several automobile bodies were burned and much furniture was consumed in the flames.

Assured Chief Daniel C. Johnson was severely burned on one of his hands in fighting the fire.

Michael Budrow, an employee of the Silliman & Godfrey Co. saved the structure owned by the company, which adjoins the shop that burned, when he turned on a hose connected with the Silliman & Godfrey plant and prevented the flames from spreading.

The fire was not discovered until it worked its way from the upper story to the second floor. It started among furniture and automobile bodies stored on the top floor.

The blaze was a hot one and required action to control. So much so that it seemed that residents of Hancock avenue and Poplar street were prepared to wet down their homes, and some removed their furniture and belongings from the windows nearest the blaze.

The damage is estimated at \$1,200, to the building, but automobile, tire, and other equipment damage is estimated as much more than that. It is only partly covered by insurance.

Finnish Steamer Frack Goes Down, a Victim of Submarine Warfare By German Flotilla—British Freighter Ruth Sunk After Dodging One Torpedo From Blockader.

Ten Mile Battle Front in France Scene of Serious Engagements as Kaiser's Army, Reinforced By Fresh Troops, Plan New March to English Channel Ports.

LEAD WAR

Stockholm, April 24—The Finnish steamer Frack has been torpedoed and sunk in the Baltic by a German submarine. It is believed that the members of her crew were saved.

The Frack carried a cargo of iron ore and was on her way to Abo, Finland.

British Freighter Torpedoed

London, April 24—The freighter Ruth was sunk by a German submarine on Wednesday when about 400 miles east of May Island, in the North Sea. The crew was rescued and was landed at Leith, Scotland.

The Ruth left Leith with a cargo of coal for Gothenburg. Captain Anderson, her skipper, who is a Swede, reports that the first torpedo discharged by the submarine missed its mark but the second struck the Ruth amidships, wrecking her. The sixteen members of the crew were all Swedes. They drifted about in small boats 12 hours before being picked up.

ARMIES BATTLING ON 10 MILE FRONT

London, April 24—Over an arc-like front in Belgian Flanders, which is, roughly, ten miles long from the region of Bixchoote in the north to St. Eloi in the south, French, British and Belgian troops are today locked in a series of engagements which recall the fighting of last October.

Driven from Hill No. 60 to the south of Ypres and failing to retake it by a counter-attack, the Germans launched a sudden advance northeast of the town and after supplying and killing men in the first trenches with deadly gases, according to British official reports, they drove a wedge of infantry forward, forcing the French and Belgians back toward and at some points apparently across the Yser (Ypres) canal, a maneuver which at the same time compelled the British the north of Ypres to fall back to conform with the French.

Although the advance of the Germans was considerable, extending, according to Berlin despatches, over a front of five miles, French, Belgian and British forces—the French occupying the center, the Belgians to left and the British the right of the line—immediately initiated a counter-attack the result of which was to compel the Germans to give up some of the ground they had taken and force them in an easterly direction toward Langemark from which place the attack started.

Some of the London newspapers today characterize this German rush as another attempt to break through Calais and some estimates say they have 500,000 men available for this effort. By this time the British are presumably well strengthened and have consolidated their position on Hill No. 60. The hardest fighting, consequently, is expected north of Ypres. Just as the Germans have been battering the Ypres salient held by the allies, so the French continue their pressure at St. Mihiel with some success.

ALDERMEN MAKE READY TO RUSH WARRENITE GRAB

At 11:30 to-morrow members of the common council streets and sidewalks committee will start on a tour of Bridgeport streets in the "battleship gray" car of the director of Public Works. The big Packard carrying the committee will be driven over all the streets which it is proposed to pave with Warrenite. The committee will have a meeting in the city clerk's office at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon to discuss a program which will be carried out at the public hearings Monday evening.